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Overview of Technical Co-operation Activities since MEPC 43

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the technical co-operation activities carried out during the intersessional period

Action to be taken: Paragraph 8

Related documents:

1 INTRODUCTION

1 This document provides an update of the main technical co-operation activities for environmental protection that have taken place during the intersessional period (July-December 1999) in the different geographical regions.

2 AFRICA

National Workshop on Oil Spill Contingency Planning, Luanda, Angola – 20-22 July 1999

2.1 Within the framework of the IMO/IPIECA Global Initiative the third workshop on oil spill contingency planning was organized in Luanda, Angola, from 20-22 July 1999 as a follow-up to the IMO/industry meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa, in March 1996.

Technical assistance – Namibia – in MARPOL implementation

2.2 Upon the request of the Government of Namibia, the IMO Senior Marine Pollution Adviser carried out, from 12-20 September 1999, an assessment of the current state of facilities in ports of Namibia for the reception of ship-generated wastes and prepared recommendations for future developments.

National Workshop on Contingency Planning, Dakar, Senegal – 25-28 October 1999

2.3 Upon the request from the Senegalese Maritime Authorities, a workshop has been organized in Dakar, Senegal, from 25-28 October 1999, with a view to considering a draft national contingency plan prior to its submission to parliament for adoption.

IMO/OPRC Model Course - Train-the-Trainer, Accra, Ghana, 6 to 10 December 1999

2.4 The IMO OPRC Model Course - Train-the-Trainer is to be organized at a sub-regional level in Accra, Ghana, from 6 to 10 December 1999. This course is meant for participants from Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria, the three anglophone countries of the West and Central Africa region with established maritime training institutions.

National seminar on MARPOL 73/78

2.5 Upon the request from the maritime authorities of the Republic of Congo, a workshop on MARPOL is being organized in Pointe Noire, from 6 to 8 December 1999 to assist the Congolese Authorities to review the legal, economic and technical implications when ratifying and implementing MARPOL; this is in view of the future accession to the Convention by the Republic of Congo.

Development of National Profiles on Waste Management and Marine Pollution Prevention

2.6 **Namibia:** The National Profile for Namibia has been approved following an additional national Workshop held in Windhoek (4 and 5 August 1999) at the initiative of the Namibian Administration and with support from Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972. The Profile is currently being printed.

3 ARAB STATES AND THE MEDITERRANEAN**ROPME/MEMAC/IMO Workshop/Symposium on MARPOL 73/78 held in Bahrain, 17-19 October 1999**

3.1 A Workshop/Symposium on Regional Arrangements for the Provision of Reception Facilities, and for Accession, Implementation and Enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 was held in Bahrain from 17 to 19 October 1999. This event was attended by thirty participants and was arranged by ROPME/MEMAC in close co-operation with IMO.

3.2 The outcome of the Workshop/Symposium was the adoption of a Strategic Action Plan for accession, implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78, including the provision of reception facilities and the entering into effect of the special areas status for annexes I and V of MARPOL 73/78 by July 2002.

National training course on preparedness and response to marine pollution, Syria – 13-16 December 1999

3.3 With the financial support of the IMO Technical Co-operation Fund, REMPEC (Malta) is organizing a national training course on preparedness and response to marine pollution in Syria from 13-16 December 1999.

4 ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Regional training workshops on OPRC Convention

4.1 With support of the IMO/Singapore Third Country Training Programme, a Train-the-Trainer course was implemented through the IMO Project Development and Management Office in Manila, Philippines. The training course was held in Singapore on 25-29 October 1999. There were 22 participants from: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, DPR Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Vietnam. The course was conducted by staff from the Maritime and Ports Authority of Singapore and EARL (Singapore).

Strengthening chemical spill prevention and response levels in selected ports in the East Asian region.

4.2 This project commenced on 1 July 1999 with the assistance of a consultant based in Bremen, Germany. The ports covered by this project are Manila Bay, Philippines and Port Klang in Peninsular Malaysia. The project is being implemented through the IMO Project Development and Management Office in Manila, Philippines. The project will be completed by July 2000. Part of the activities of the consultant will be a training workshop for port staff in the two selected ports.

PACPOL Workshop on Marine Spill Response, Apia, Samoa – 15-30 October 1999

4.3 IMO co-sponsored the annual PACPOL workshop on marine spill response organized in Samoa from 25-30 October 1999 by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as part of the IMO/SPREP Memorandum of Understanding.

IMO OPRC Model Training Course on Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response: Administrators and Senior Managers Seminar

4.4 IMO jointly with the Marine Pollution Prevention Authority of Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Port Development, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction in Sri Lanka and IPIECA held the Administrators and Senior Managers Seminar in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 11 to 13 July 1999.

NOWPAP Third Forum Meeting

4.5 IMO is implementing a project on Development of Effective Measures for Regional Co-operation in Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response, which is one of the projects being implemented under the UNEP Regional Seas Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP). Under this project it was agreed that the NOWPAP member States would hold Forum Meetings which would discuss oil spill preparedness issues and designate future work. The Third Meeting of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan Forum on Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response was held in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russian Federation from 12-15 July 1999. The meeting continued to discuss the development of the NOWPAP regional oil spill contingency plan and the associated

Memorandum of Understanding. IMO has been requested to hire a consultant to finalize the draft regional contingency plan which will be one of the activities being undertaken in the first half of 2000.

Meeting of Senior Officials to discuss a draft regional oil spill contingency plan for South Asia

4.6 Within the framework of a joint IMO/SACEP (South Asia Co-operation Environment Programme) project, a Meeting of Senior Officials to discuss a draft regional oil spill contingency plan for South Asia was held from 14-16 December 1999. The meeting reviewed the draft oil spill contingency plan, which was prepared by an IMO consultant, and discussed the future programme of action for the development and maintenance of national and regional systems for preparedness, response and co-operation in combating marine pollution accidents in the South Asian region.

4.7 A follow-up meeting will be held in the first half of year 2000 to further develop the draft regional oil spill contingency plan with a view to adopting it.

5 LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

CDG/IMO/DIRECTEMAR Workshop on Waste Management in the context of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Latin America (PR 420)

5.1 This Workshop was held in Viña del Mar (Chile) from 25 to 29 October 1999 with financial support from the Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft (CDG) in Germany and Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972. The Government of Chile hosted the Workshop.

5.2 Forty-nine experts from Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Peru attended the Workshop. The main goals of the Workshop were to increase the awareness of governments regarding the benefits, duties and rights emanating from the current international and regional regulatory frameworks for integrated coastal zone management and waste management, and to foster an exchange of information and experiences amongst participants regarding the state of affairs in each country.

5.3 The participants indicated that the Workshop had met their expectations and that it had provided them with updated information about international regulations affecting the implementation of ICZM and waste management programmes and also information about the situation in each country represented. The participants appreciated the opportunity to come together with colleagues from other disciplines and countries, which they felt would enable them to better deal with cross-sectoral issues in their own countries.

Environmental sensitivity mapping workshop for the Island States and Territories of the Wider Caribbean Sub-Region

5.4 IMO, jointly with the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries of Trinidad and Tobago and IPIECA, held an environmental sensitivity mapping workshop for the Island States and Territories of the Wider Caribbean sub-region in Trinidad from 1 to 5 November 1999. Over 50 participants from 15 Island States and Territories and facilitators from IMO/REMPEITC-Carib, IPIECA, WCMC, NOAA and Clean Caribbean Co-operative attended the workshop. The main objective was to provide participants with skills on how to make environmental sensitivity maps

for oil spill response purposes and for the participants to produce specimen maps for selected areas visited during the workshop field trips. The workshop also served as a forum for the Island States and Territories to discuss their mapping needs and to develop provisional plans on the way to move forward in making national sensitivity maps.

6 CIS/EASTERN EUROPE

Scientific Workshop on Ballast Water Management and Control held on board m/v Georgij Ushakov in the Black Sea from 14 to 17 September 1999

6.1 Following a request from the countries bordering the Black Sea, a Regional Scientific Workshop on Ballast Water Management and Control was held on board m/v Georgij Ushakov in the Black Sea from 14 to 17 September 1999.

6.2 The purpose of the Workshop was to raise awareness on the introduction of exotic species through ballast water and to improve the ability of participating countries to establish mechanisms whereby the unique ecology of the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea can be protected from further introductions of alien species through ships' ballast water.

6.3 The Workshop was funded by IMO's Technical Co-operation Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, and arranged by IMO in close co-operation with the Shipping Safety Inspectorate of Ukraine. Forty participants from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Ukraine attended the Workshop.

Regional Workshop on Contingency Planning for the Black Sea, Varna, Bulgaria, 1-5 November 1999

6.4 As a response to the needs expressed by the Black Sea coastal States in the Strategic Action Plan for the rehabilitation and protection of the Black Sea which recognized the importance of an operation regional contingency plan, IMO organized and financed through its Technical Co-operation Fund, a workshop on contingency planning.

6.5 The workshop was organized by IMO jointly with the Emergency Response Activity Centre (ERAC) in Varna, Bulgaria, from 1-5 November 1999.

6.6 The main objectives of the workshop were:

- .1 to enhance the response capabilities of the Black Sea countries in case of major spills in the region;
- .2 to develop a regional contingency plan for combating major pollution incidents in the Black Sea region;
- .3 to have an exchange of views on the nature of the problems experienced by the Black Sea coastal States when it comes to addressing the issues of contingency planning; and
- .4 to discuss, approve and recommend a strategy implementable at regional level to adopt the regional contingency plan by December 2000.

7 GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

Development of the Waste Assessment Guidance Training Set (PR 381)

7.1 The purpose of this project is to make the Waste Assessment Guidance as developed under the London Convention 1972 more accessible to national administrations thereby assisting States in the effective implementation of the Protocol to the London Convention 1972.

7.2 In May 1999, the Scientific Group reviewed the first version completed with the assistance of a consultant. A substantial revision is currently being carried out in preparation for its use at the Townsville Workshop mentioned under point 4.3 above. The Governments of Canada and the Netherlands provided funding for this project. The Government of the United States has announced additional support.

8 ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided and to comment as appropriate.
